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Ramsey Clark to Teach At Howard Law School

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark will teach a course on law and poverty at Howard University Law School this fall, school officials said yesterday.

Clark will conduct a senior seminar that has traditionally dealt with the social dimensions of legal problems, according to Elwood Chisolm who is acting as dean of the law school.

The course, which is still being developed, will place particular emphasis on "effecting the rights of the poor," Clark said in an interview.

The seminar, which will probably begin the second week in September, also will cover a "fairly wide range in civil rights and criminal justice and the general private rights areas," Clark said.

The underlying principle of the course, he said, is that the rich get their rights almost as a matter of routine, but the poor face special problems and may require special tactics.

Clark said he approached Howard officials about the course because "Howard University Law School is where I want to teach . . . Howard is just a law school I'm very much interested in."

The senior seminar course Clark will teach as an adjunct faculty member is concerned with "constructing in theory and otherwise, legal resolutions of current social problems," Chisolm said.

Model solutions constructed in the seminar may involve invoking in theory the aid of the judicial, legislative, executive or administrative processes to redness wrong, he said.

Clark, who said he may lecture and possibly teach at other schools as well, has joined the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Goldberg, Rifkind, Whorton and Garrison, whose other members include former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg and former presidential adviser Theodore C. Sorenson.